

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Barkur G. BHAT, *et al.*

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Title: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and
Other Molecules Associated with
the Tocopherol Pathway**

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Amendment After Final Rejection

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 10, 2002 (Paper No. 16) ("Final Action"), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 2 and 26 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the underlying subject matter.

Please amend the claims as follows:

10. (Twice Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a sequence that hybridizes under conditions of 2.0 X sodium chloride/sodium citrate (SSC) at about 65°C to a nucleic acid

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